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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NSC PLANNING BOARD

SUBJECT: Conclusions Drawn from Recent Developments in the
Near East and the Taiwan Straits

The enclosed memorandum on the subject by the Acting CIA Adviser is transmitted herewith for consideration by the Planning Board at an early meeting, together with the reports in preparation by other members of the Planning Board pursuant to Planning Board agreement on November 14.

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From the intelligence point of view, the above crises serve to re-emphasize the importance of the following:

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2. In particular, we need to develop better means for assessing the attitudes of and developing contacts with middle level armed services officers. The military attaches and MAAG's can be of considerable use in this regard.

3. Friendly governments need assistance in establishing and maintaining closer contact with their peoples, and in assessing popular moods. We also need better intelligence on popular attitudes ourselves.

4. Friendly governments also need assistance in developing adequate means to prevent or counteract subversion. In this regard, note the success of the Egyptian government in employing a combination of propaganda and subversion directed primarily against Western interests and calling for the overthrow of governments friendly to the West.

5. It is important to assist friendly governments to improve their propaganda capabilities. Again, the efforts of Radio Cairo to undermine friendly regimes are a case in point.

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